GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – NEERU – CHETTU Works – Proposals to (i).Clear the payments withheld (ii). Clear payments which were paid with a discount of 20% (iii). Clear the payments where executing agencies do not have GST Registration (iv). Clear payments where the contractor is deceased and where legal heir of the contractor do not have GST Registration – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (CADA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 98 **Dated: 07-03-2025**

Read the following:

1. Government Memo No. 1973457 / ICD01 / 134/ 2023 /CADA, Dt. 01-02-2023.
2. Proposals received from Chief Engineer, Minor & Medium Irrigation, Vijayawada, Dt 21-12-2024.

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ORDER:

The Chief Engineer, Minor & Medium Irrigation, Vijayawada in reference 2nd read above submitted that the agencies who have executed works under Neeru-Chettu program during the period 2014-2019 and whose bills are pending for payment have approached Hon'ble High Court for payment of pending bills in several Writ Petitions.

2. He also submitted that the Government vide reference 1st read above accepted the proposals of One Time Settlement for works which were stated to be unverifiable and accordingly, executing agencies have voluntarily offered a discount of 20% on pending bill amounts.

3. It was observed that payments were withheld after inspection of works by V&E Department and verification teams constituted by District Collectors. A large number of WPs / CCs are being filed in the Hon'ble High Court by the Contractor / Agencies, who have executed these works during 2014 – 2019. The legitimate payments are to be released to the agencies who have executed the works, without any further delay to avoid further legal complications.

4 . The Chief Engineer, Minor & Medium Irrigation submitted the following proposals:

i. Proposal to clear payments of Rs.30.16Cr withheld as proposed by V& E department against Agreement amount of Rs.115.17 Cr for 818 Neeru-Chettu works which were verified by the Vigilance and Enforcement Department by conducting an enquiry after affording to the petitioners an opportunity of being heard as per Hon'ble High Court common judgment in W.A. 724 of 2021 in similar V&E case pertaining to PR&RD Department. W.A.724 of 2021 is being referred in most of the Interim orders in writ petitions filed by the petitioners pleading before the Hon'ble High Court for arranging payment for Neeru-Chettu works executed during the period 2014-2019.

ii. Proposal to clear payments of Rs.3.45Cr withheld as proposed by verification teams for 960 Neeru-Chettu works which were verified by the verification teams constituted by District Collectors by conducting an enquiry after affording the petitioners an opportunity of being heard as directed by the Hon'ble High Court in common judgment in W.A. 724 of 2021 in similar V&E case pertaining to PR&RD Department. W.A.724 of 2021 is being referred in most of the Interim orders in writ petitions filed by the petitioners pleading before the Hon'ble High

Court for arranging payment for Neeru-Chettu works executed during the period 2014-2019.

iii. Proposal to clear payments of Rs.1.93 Cr for 131 Neeru Chettu works which were paid with a discount of 20% of pending bill amount, on the ground that executing agencies have voluntarily offered the discount, for the works "Certified as not verifiable" by the verification teams constituted by the District collectors.

iv. Proposal to clear the pending payments of Rs.7.25 Cr for 123 Neeru-Chettu works where executing agencies do not have GST registration.

v. Proposal to clear payments of Rs.4.33 Cr for 61 Neeru-Chettu works, where the contractor is deceased where legal heirs of the contractor do not have GST registration.

5. Government after careful consideration of the matter hereby accord approval to the proposal at Para (4) above.

6. The Chief Engineer, Minor & Medium Irrigation, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

7. This order is issued in consultation with Finance Dept., vide their U.O. No.FIN01-FMUOPC(WR.1)/1/2025, (COMP-2674520), Dated.24.02.2025.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Engineer, Minor & Medium Irrigation, Vijayawada.

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The GA (Cabinet-I) Department.
(with reference to the U.O. No. 29 / 2025 Dt. 07-02-2025
The PS to Secretary to Hon'ble CM.
The PS to Hon'ble Minister (WRD).
The PS to Spl CS, WRD.
The Advisor, WRD, Velagapudi.
The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation), Vijayawada.
The Finance (FMU-WR-1)Department.
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SECTION OFFICER